

Regulatory Commission; David Sandalow, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Thomas L. Strickland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; and William J. Fehrman, MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Environmental Quality.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Postal Service, focusing on its financial condition and outlook and the Government Accountability Office's decision to place the Postal Service's financial condition on the High-Risk List, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Ruth Y. Goldway, Commissioner, Postal Regulatory Commission; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Fredric V. Rolando, National Association of Letter Carriers, William Burrus, American Postal Workers Union, and Dale Goff, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; James West, Williams-Sonoma Inc., San Francisco, California; and Mark Suwyn, NewPage Corporation, Miamisburg, Ohio.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 14, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States;

H.R. 1129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron

working training program for Native Americans, with an amendment; and

S. 443, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNING ENTITY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1011, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, after receiving testimony from Sam Hirsch, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Haunani Apoliona, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Micah A. Kane, Hawaiian Homes Commission, both of the State of Hawai'i, and Robin Puanani Danner and Steven J. Glenn, both of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, all of Honolulu; Stuart Minor Benjamin, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; and H. Christopher Bartolomucci, Hogan and Hartson L.L.P., Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Steven M. Dettelbach, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Carter M. Stewart, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and David Edward Demag, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 7, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, who was introduced by Senators Feingold and Kohl, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, both of the Small Business Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.